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In re Application of: Wataru Ishikawa :
Art Unit: 2853
Appln. No. : 10/774,734 :
Examiner: L.E.
Filed : February 9, 2004 :
Title : ACTIVE RAY CURABLE
TYPE AQUEOUS INK AND :
IMAGE FORMING METHOD :
AND PRINTED MATTERS BY :
THE USE THEREOF

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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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S i r:

I, Wataru ISHIKAWA, hereby declare and state as
follows:

1. I am the named inventor in this Application.
2. I received a Master's Degree in Process
Technology in March of 1992 from Osaka University.

Since April of 1992, I have been employed by Konica Corporation, now Konica Minolta. During my employment, I have been engaged in research and development of silver salt photosensitive materials and UV curable type ink jet inks.

3. I confirm that the examples reported in this Application, as recited on pages 40-60, were, in fact, performed by me or under my direct supervision and control, and that the results reported therein were the results that were obtained from the examples.

4. I find it surprising and unexpected that a non-ionic surfactant performed better than a cationic surfactant or an anionic surfactant in an aqueous based ray curable ink.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false

statements may jeopardize the validity of the
application or any patent issued thereon.

Wataru Ishikawa
Wataru ISHIKAWA

Dated: This 24th day of August, 2006.

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